



Lenawee County Continuum of Care
2019 HUD Competition Funding Proposal
Review, Ranking, and Project Priority Listing
Of
Renewal, New Project, and New “Bonus” Project Applications

Introduction

The federal Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act reauthorized the 1987 McKinney-Vento Act with a renewed emphasis on performance and establishing goals and outcomes to end homelessness. To this end, the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) program provides funding to support the efforts of local public and private non-profit agencies providing services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Lenawee Notice

The CoC 2019 Notification of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released on July 3, 2019. This NOFA along with the Lenawee Application process was posted to the Lenawee County Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/lenawee.county.CoC/>) on July 5, 2019 and on the Collective Impact website (<http://www.lcmha.org/lenawee-collective-impact/lenawee-essential-needs-council/continuum-of-care>) on July 5, 2019. Qualifying organizations interested in applying under the Lenawee County application were to submit a letter of intent including a project description and any project level data to demonstrate the success and need for the project to the CoC Chair – Elizabeth Salerno, Housing Help of Lenawee, and CoC Secretary – Jackie Bradley, Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority, by August 6, 2019.

Lenawee Executive Committee Review

Applications submitted by the deadline of August 6th were from the following organizations:

- Lenawee Emergency and Affordable Housing Corporation (LEAHC, dba Housing Help of Lenawee)
 - Continue as the Lenawee Collaborative Applicant
 - Renewal – Housing First – Rapid Re-housing project
 - Renewal – Permanent Housing – Legacy project
 - New –Bonus Project – HMIS
 - New – CoC Planning
- Catherine Cobb Safe House
 - New – DV Bonus – Rapid Rehousing project

The Lenawee CoC Executive Committee met and reviewed all above requests utilizing the Lenawee Rating Tool on Wednesday August 7, 2019. Committee members in attendance were: Elizabeth Salerno, Laura Schultz Pipis, Jackie Bradley, Clint Brugger, Jill Hicks, Tim Ruple, Chris Howard, Lynne Punnett, and Nancy Bishop.

All Lenawee CoC Executive Committee members except Elizabeth Salerno the Executive Director of LEAHC, and Jill Hicks the Director of Catherine Cobb Safe House who abstained from the vote as being part of the applications submitted, voted unanimously to support the requests and projects which are listed in the priority listed below.

- LEAHC shall apply on behalf of the Lenawee CoC as the Collaborative Applicant
- Priority 1 – Renewal – Housing First – Rapid Re-housing project – LEAHC approved as presented

- Priority 2 – Renewal – Permanent Housing – Legacy project – LEAHC approved as presented
- Priority 3 – New – DV Bonus Project – Rapid Re-housing project – CCSH approved as presented
- Priority 4 – New – Bonus Project – HMIS – LEAHC approved as presented
- New CoC Planning Project – LEAHC approved as presented

Lenawee CoC Review

Lenawee CoC Executive Committee, Lenawee Emergency and Affordable Housing Corporation (LEAHC, dba Housing Help of Lenawee), and Catherine Cobb Safe House (CCSH) present the above priority list and the five attached proposals for approval to the full CoC board.

Lenawee County Final Pro-Rata Need (FPRN): \$250,110

The types of eligible projects through reallocation and new bonus projects are:

- New Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) that meet the Dedicated Plus requirements or where 100% of beds are dedicated for chronic homeless individuals and families
- New Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) for singles and families serving households coming from streets/shelters only, including unaccompanied youth
- New Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-housing (Joint TH and RRH) for serving homeless individuals or families including those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence
- New Supportive Services Only (SSO) for coordinated entry only
- New Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) for HMIS lead agencies
- New DV Bonus Project to serve survivors of DV, dating violence, and stalking.
 - Rapid Re-housing following a housing first approach
 - Joint TH and PH-RRH following a housing first approach
 - SSO Project for Coordinated Entry to implement policies, procedures and practices that equip the CoC to better meet the needs of DV survivors

In addition to instructions about submitting renewal projects, this year's NOFA provided an opportunity for all communities to submit one or more "bonus" project applications for up to 5% of its final pro rata need or 25% of its preliminary pro rata need, whichever is greater. Lenawee's max is \$36,757 for bonus projects.

In addition to instructions about submitting renewal projects, this year's NOFA provided an opportunity for all communities to submit one or more "DV bonus" project applications for up to 10% of the preliminary pro rata need or a minimum of \$50,000, whichever is higher. Lenawee's max is \$50,000.

For all renewal project and new project applications, HUD requires that the local CoC ensure the review and ranking/selection of each project is conducted. This process is completed each year by the entire rural Lenawee CoC membership, led by the CoC Executive Committee.

2019 Lenawee CoC Funding and Tier Details

Lenawee County receives approximately \$103,083 in CoC funding annually and conducts a review of all CoC funded applicants every year prior to approving the submission of the CoC community & project applications. The CoC Executive Committee conducts the funding

review and ranking process along with all members of the CoC. All applicants bring materials (APR's, etc...) to the CoC for review and approval.

As in past years, HUD requires the renewal and new projects to be ranked in two tiers. This year's NOFA mandated the first Tier to include 94% of renewal and new funding, and the second Tier the remaining 6%.

HUD will fund all projects in Tier 1 beginning with highest scoring CoC to lowest scoring. HUD will select projects in Tier 2, in order of point value, until there are no more funds available.

Lenawee CoC Reallocation

The Lenawee CoC Executive Committee, LEAHC, and CCSH recommend no reallocation process this year.

CoC Renewal Scoring and Ranking Process

A total of two projects are up for renewal during this funding competition.

The Lenawee CoC Executive Committee recommend applying through its collaborative applicant LEAHC for two renewal grants currently held by LEAHC.

- Housing First – Rapid Re-housing Grant – LEAHC
- Legacy Housing – PH Grant – LEAHC

No HUD audits of Lenawee projects have taken place since 2007. No findings at that time.

New Bonus Project Scoring and Selection Process

In addition to renewal projects, this year's NOFA provided an opportunity for all communities to submit one or more "bonus" project applications for up to 5% of its FPRN or 25% of its PPRN, whichever is greater, FPRN is \$250,110 for Lenawee County and up to 10% or \$50,000 for DV Bonus projects. Eligible bonus projects could include:

- New PSH for Chronic homeless families and individuals
- New RRH for families/individuals coming from streets/shelters including unaccompanied youth
- New HMIS for HMIS activities, must have the HMIS lead as a recipient
- New DV Bonus for Rapid Re-housing activities, Joint TH and RRH activities, or Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry

Based on the needs of the community and the Lenawee rating tool, the Lenawee CoC Executive Committee recommend applying for a new HMIS project this year in the max amount of \$36,757 and a DV Bonus Rapid Re-housing project in the max amount of \$50,000.

CoC Planning and Unified Funding Agency (UFA) Grants

This year's NOFA provided an opportunity for all communities to submit a grant to support CoC Planning (3% of FPRN) or a UFA (1.5% FPRN). The FPRN for Lenawee County is \$250,110.

The Lenawee CoC Executive Committee and LEAHC recommend applying for a CoC Planning grant in the amount of \$7,503. No UFA grants were submitted.

Funding Recommendations & Ranking

Lenawee CoC Executive Committee recommend the below priority listing:

Tier 1

1. Renewal-Housing First-Rapid Re-housing – \$90,148 – LEAHC
2. Renewal-Legacy Housing – PH Grant – \$6,750 of \$12,935 – LEAHC (\$6,185 in Tier 2)

Tier 2

2. Renewal-Legacy Housing – PH Grant – \$6,185 of \$12,935 – LEAHC (\$6,750 in Tier 1)
3. New-DV Bonus Rapid Re-housing – \$50,000 – CCSH
4. New-HMIS – \$36,757 – LEAHC

Tier 1 includes one renewal and one partial renewal. Tier 2 includes one partial renewal and one new DV bonus project for Rapid Re-housing and one new bonus project for HMIS.

No other applications were requested and therefore were not considered by the Lenawee CoC. The ranking above is the Lenawee CoC Project Priority Listing.

All projects fall within FPRN. No project applications were rejected. CoC Planning grants are not ranked in the tier system.

Respectfully submitted by the Lenawee CoC Executive Committee on August 13, 2019

Approved by the full Lenawee CoC during a regular meeting on August 13, 2019

